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THIS WEEK

CAMPUS

Signing workshop

A Children's Sign Language Workshop will be 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the Union Ballroom. Cost is \$7 per child, and this event is open to the campus and community. To register for this workshop contact Mary Roush 562-1612 or (816) 351-6529.

Exploring majors

Career Services and the Advisement Assistance staff offer a "drop by" event. Exploring Majors and Minors offers students information about different majors and minors on campus. Staff members will answer questions and provide insight to picking a major. Exploring Majors and Minors will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday in The Administration Building, rooms 237 and 130. For more information contact Career Services at 562-1250 or Advisement Assistance at 562-1695.

COMMUNITY

Public hearing

Citizens who would like to be heard in regard to proposed modifications to the City of Maryville's outdoor burning regulations will have the chance to do so at the Maryville City Council meeting at 7 p.m. this Monday. Comments can also be submitted to the City Clerk within 30 days of Jan. 27. The council is considering changing the regulation to limit burning of outdoor yard waste to three two-weeks periods in the spring, summer and fall. For more information, see the CITY GOVERNMENT story on A3 or visit Maryville.govoffice2.com.

Northwest Missouri Cellular relocates

Northwest Missouri Cellular completed its move to a new building Monday. The new building is down the block from the old location, at 1218 S. Main St.. All employees will be able to work in the same building, which was not the case in their previous location.

BEARCATS

Friday
- Track @ UCM Mule Relays in Warrensburg, Mo. (women)
-Track @ Bill Hillenbrand Open in Vermillion S.D.

Saturday
- Track @ UCM Mule Relays in Warrensburg, Mo. (men)
-Track @ Bill Hillenbrand Open in Vermillion S.D.
- Women's Bball vs. Pitt State 1:30 p.m.
-Men's Bball vs Pitt State 3:30 p.m.

SPOOFHOUNDS

Thursday
- JV/V Girls' Bball @ Smithville 5:30 p.m.
-JV/V Wrestling vs. Savannah (Senior Night) 7 p.m.

Friday
- JVV/ Boys' Bball vs. Smithville 5:30 p.m.

Saturday
-JV Wrestling Tournament @ Savannah
-V Wrestling Tournament @ Albany 9:30 a.m.

Monday
-F/JVV Boys' Bball @ Clarinda 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday
- JV/V Girls' Bball vs. Chillicothe 5 p.m.

CORRECTIONS

On the front page of the Jan. 29 Missourian, two of the students' names on the "Houston, we have a question" story's photo were misspelled. The girls' correct names are Jaisye Dougan and Emma Baldwin.

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

Activist discusses possibilities for peace

By Kiley Swopes
Chief Reporter

The message of one of the world's most influential decedents: world peace cannot be created, but peace can influence people to make strides for world peace.

Arun Gandhi, Mohandas K. Gandhi's grandson, spoke about the philosophy of nonviolence Jan. 28th in the Performing Arts Center.

Traveling all over the world teaching this philosophy, Gandhi only comes to speak when people ask him because it shows him that people are seeking and open to his

advice, Gandhi said. He feels that inviting himself is pushing beliefs on people.

The backbone to the nonviolence philosophy is broken down into three life lessons he learned at 12.

Lesson one is to practice non-violence by learning about anger and how to channel that anger into positive actions, Gandhi said. People need to learn how to use anger constructively and peacefully instead of violently.

"Anger is like electricity. It is just as powerful and useful as electricity, but only if we use it intelligently," Gandhi said. "It can be just as deadly

and destructive if we abuse it."

Writing anger out in a journal with intent to find a solution will help us commit ourselves to solving the problem instead of dwelling on them, he said.

Mind control also plays a big part in learning how to deal with anger. If the mind is full of thoughts people become distracted, he said. People will not be able to pay 100 percent attention.

"With mind control, people can block out the other thoughts and focus on what they need to at that particular moment," Gandhi said.

See **GANDHI** on **A5**



ARUN GANDHI TALKED about how his grandfather influenced him on non-violence. Gandhi discussed of his grandfather's three lessons of life.

photo by Tori Frankenfield
Missourian photographer

PROFILE | FRED MARES

More than just a helpful smile

Outgoing Hy-Vee greeter borrows lessons from past journalism career

By Kenny Larabee
Community News Editor

It's the little things in life really.

It's listening to someone's problems. Remembering a name. Getting a cart for a customer.

It's a smile. Saying "please" and "thank you." Taking the time to show an interest.

At least that's the way Fred Mares sees it. The man working the door at Hy-Vee lives by many maxims. His favorite song, "One Day At A Time" doubles as a creed. And in greeting people with a smile and a personal anecdote, Mares has learned a lot about the people he serves and of himself.

That's because Mares is never at a loss for connecting the dots of his life. Underneath the little things Mares incorporates into his life lies a bigger story. A story about a man who's won a Pulitzer Prize. A man who's actively involved in his community. And a man whose weaving path brought him to Maryville for a reason.

Mares was the youngest of four boys born to Boniface and Priscilla Mares in Denver. Raised in the Catholic Church, the Mares boys: Steve, Adolph, Don and Fred, showed an affinity toward music and tennis, among other things.

It was during his education in Denver that a seed was planted for Fred's future.

"If there's a pivotal moment in my life, it's when a priest and a nun-priest said 'Fred, have you ever thought about speech?'" Fred said. "That's what kind of brought me out of my shell. I was pretty quiet. Didn't say much."

While speech had a significant role in Fred's upbringing, the national story involving Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein's investigation of the

Watergate scandal prompted Fred to begin thinking about a career in journalism.

Fred chose Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa for college. After working on the school newspaper and on the tail end of a series of internships, Fred landed at the Kansas City Times, filling in for professional journalists whenever he could.

"I made a pest out of myself," Fred said. "I went up to those editors and said 'I just saw something on the wire, that's a story, let me do it.' I was very aggressive in a kind way."

That aggressiveness led to a fill-in spot that eventually landed him a full-time position for the Times in their St. Joseph Bureau in January 1981. Covering news in the region during the week, Fred would often travel to Kansas City on the weekends. It was on one of these excursions that Fred — just six months into the job — witnessed tragedy.

On Friday, July 17, 1981, two 32-ton skywalks at the Hyatt Regency collapsed onto a large group of people gathered at the hotel in Kansas City. More than 200 people were injured and 114 were killed. Fred instinctively went to the scene when he heard the news, he said.

"If you're really into this business, when you hear anything, you jump, you react, you don't wait," Fred said. "I knew this was a major story that was unfolding right before my eyes and ears. So I got in the car and went right to the scene. I was one of the first there."

Many other journalists quickly followed and Fred helped contribute in any way he could.

"My assignment was basically interviewing taxi drivers who turned

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photo by Jared Clarke | senior photographer

A FORMER REPORTER for the Kansas City Times, Hy-Vee greeter Fred Mares was inspired to pursue a journalism career by Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein's coverage of the Watergate scandal.

ECONOMY

Stimulus could bring significant funds to city

By Kenny Larabee
Community News Editor

With President Barack Obama spearheading a potentially historic stimulus package for passage through the U.S. Senate this week, municipalities across the country have begun speculation about how those funds might affect them.

A lot of uncertainty and wrangling with numbers continues on Capitol Hill this week, but the proposed recipients of Obama's near \$900 billion plan include several areas that could affect Maryville residents directly.

In addition to middle-class tax cuts: \$500 for individual workers and \$1,000 for two-earner families, projections for schools have already started sliding across the desks of superintendents across the state.

That includes the desk of Maryville Superintendent Vickie Miller. Estimated allocations to LEA's for education under the stimulus plan are projected to total \$563,300 as of Wednesday.

These projections include three areas of federal funding: Title 1-A, which deals with students needing extra help and support in elementary math and communication arts, and IDEA, which deals with special education needs, and construction.

The funds for Title 1-A and IDEA would be dispersed over the next two years, according to the projections, while schools would receive a boost in construction in just 2009.

Any projections that schools have received however are exactly just that — projections — at this point, Miller said.

"It's still all up in the air and this may not be the amount of money that we get or anybody else gets," Miller said. "You just never know. I also don't know what the rules will be. Usually the feds have strings attached to money. So I don't know if they're going to say 'You have to spend it on something new.' I would certainly hope not because the intent is to help shore schools up."

"I don't know the rules of the game yet. That will, of course, influence our decision making."

And although the school district is fortunate enough to not be in dire straits, they could always find uses for federal money, Miller said.

"Money that would go into special education could always find uses and could help offset what local money we traditionally put in there or local taxes we traditionally use to pay for parts of that," Miller said. "There are some things that are just the cost of doing business that this money could help with."

Technology, health insurance and competitive

See **SENATE** on **A5**

See **STIMULUS** on **A5**

RECREATION

TOM DISTEFANO AND his son Thomas Distefano gather their first catch of the day. The Distefanos had a successful day at Mozingo.



photo by liz briney
missourian photographer

Rule doesn't freeze clinic

By Greg Miller
Missourian Reporter

Ice fishing is not an uncommon sport, especially in the Midwest where harsh winter temperatures provide perfect conditions for the sport. It's not too common in Maryville though, because of a city ordinance not known about by many people.

The Missouri Department of Conservation hosted the Second Annual Ice Fishing Workshop Saturday, Jan. 31. There, fishers had a chance to shore up their skills and learn the best ways to catch hungry fish during the colder winter months.

But a city ordinance, not well known by many, puts a halt to this activity any other time of the year. Maryville City Manager Matt LeCerf said that all participants of the event were required to sign a waiver before taking part in the workshop.

Maryville prohibits ice fishing within city limits including Mozingo Lake, because it is property of the city.

The ordinance deals with "liability and ensuring the safety of all individuals," said Matt LeCerf.

The ordinance has been in place for nearly 13 years.

Two common injuries with the

sport are falling on ice, and falling through ice when the frozen layer isn't thick enough.

LeCerf said that its future is under consideration. "We have to evaluate each individual issue on its merits," LeCerf said.

Mozingo Lake is property of the city, and therefore subject to the ordinance.

Event organizers say the workshop appeared to be a success, with the Missouri Conservation Department reporting approximately 113 people attending of all ages and experience levels.

"There was a whole mix of people there," said Tim Miller, outdoor skills specialist with the Conservation Department. "This was a completely new experience for some and there were people there who have done this for a long time."

The Conservation Department supplied fishing rods and bait to those who needed it. Miller said the most common question had to do with safety on the ice. Some were concerned since Saturday morning's temperatures ranged from 45 to 50 degrees.

"A lot of people wanted to know if it was safe to go on the ice," Miller said.

Miller added that ice is safe to walk on if it is at least four inches thick. On Saturday, Mozingo's ice

layer measured from 10 to 11 inches thick.

Plenty of fish were caught and Miller believes everyone came away with at least one fish. "The most common fish caught were blue gill and some crappie...also some large mouth cod and catfish cod," Miller said.

He added roughly 400 fish were cleaned and fried for fishers to sample on the lake.

The workshop began inside with a short course on ice fishing procedures, both with safety and technique. Attendees then took to the lake to put those lessons to work.

"We offered the ice fishing clinic last year, 30 people signed, 60 people showed," said Miller.

This year, the attendance nearly doubled, and Miller says the event will most likely continue next year.

Members from all divisions of the Conservation Department were on hand to help people with everything from baiting fishing lines to taking fish off the lines.

While ice fishing is not legal in Maryville, Miller says that bodies of water owned by the Conservation Department do allow ice fishing. Locations of those lakes are available on the Dept. of Conservation's Web site at Mdc.mo.org.

SCHOOL BOARD

Four candidates vie for two openings in Maryville School Board election

By Shane Sherwood
Senior Reporter

Four people strive to be the two people who will fill the vacancies on the Maryville Board of Education.

There are two spots open on the Maryville School Board. The four candidates are: Nancy Barnes, James Beemer, Cleo Samudzi and Elaine Wilson.

Barnes works at St. Francis Medical Center as their Patient Financial Counselor

Both Barnes and her husband were educated in the Maryville School District, and she has two children who attend the district schools.

She has worked at the hospital for over 25 years. Because of this experience, she believes that the school district must look at all options before making a decision.

"We will want to try to buy locally, but trying to get the best item for your dollar is the most important aspect during the recession," Barnes said.

Other than the recession, Barnes wants consistency within the school district in rules and how they are followed and enforced.

"I want to make sure we are looking at the big picture and make sure all students are treated equally," she said. "I am not afraid of change. I want to make sure we are taking each student into account."

Beemer owns two businesses in town: Beemer Muffler, LLC and Say Machine Shop. He is married and has two children who attend Maryville Public Schools. He saw

the position as many different ways to be involved with the community and his children.

"I own two businesses and the community has given to me, and I saw the position as one way to give back to the community," Beemer said. "I also saw it as a way to stay connected and be there for my kids."

Since there can be many projects that surface when dealing with the Maryville Public School system, Beemer believes in prioritizing and taking bids for projects.

"In times like this, our school is kind of like a business and needs to be ran like a business," Beemer said. "I think we have to compare apples to apples when it comes to paying for services."

Beemer describes himself as an economical person. He does not believe in paying more for services if the exact services can be done for a cheaper price.

He also believes in having people on the board who are going to spend money wisely.

Samudzi is the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing Dean. He is married and has a son and a daughter.

He became interested in the position after he noticed that he would have a lot of experience that would make him a suitable candidate for the job.

"I have a lot of experience not only in higher education but in K-12 as well," Samudzi said. "Since most students go onto higher education, I think I can bring a lot to the table."

Samudzi does not have a plan

on helping the Board of Education during the recession, but he knows the priorities when it comes to spending money.

"When issues come up, you weigh the advantages and the disadvantages," he said. "In these times, the best way is to hold a little back and know what the circumstances are before I make a decision."

Spending money in a way that will help the students is what Samudzi believes.

"My personal goal is to go toward propositions that will help the success of the students," he said.

Serving a partial term, Wilson has been a member of the school board for two years already.

"I decided to run again because two years is not long enough to do good things for the school," Wilson said. "This would be my time to make a difference in the district."

Wilson believes the strongest qualification someone needs to be a Board of Education member is the ability to want to work with a team.

Even though the country is an economic recession, the Maryville School District has not been hit hard by the recession as other surrounding school districts, she said.

"Most of the money we use comes from the local tax base," Wilson said. "We have a strong tax base here in Maryville and we are taking a really slow approach with finances on how it is going to affect us in the future."

Elections will be held April 7. Two candidates will be elected for the Maryville Board of Education for three-year terms.

CITY GOVERNMENT

Maryville to hold public hearings on proposed burning regulation ordinance

By Elizabeth Sexton
Chief Reporter

Maryville residents have a chance to weigh in on proposed outdoor burning regulations, as city officials respond to mounting concerns.

"We have been requested to review our ordinance a number of times," said Maryville City Manager Matt LeCerf. "It's a quality of life issue."

The city council is conducting a 30-day public hearing for feedback related to the burning of yard waste, which is currently permitted yearlong.

"I think the council wants to address issues related to nuisance - which would fall under smoke reducing people's ability to enjoy the outdoors," LeCerf said.

The proposed ordinance could limit burning to two-week increments in the spring, summer and fall.

"If you let it go on every day and someone does it daily and you live next door to it, you may not want to enjoy the outdoors," he said. "And that affects your quality of life as an individual in the community."

Historically, rural residents with limited disposal favored outdoor trash burning as a straightforward method. However, rising anxieties about air quality and fire hazards have guided developments in legislation.

Lt. Phil Rickabaugh, of the Maryville Fire Department, said it is not uncommon for someone, outside of city limits, to lose control while burning trash on a dry, windy day.

"Beware of atmospheric conditions and use your best judgment," he said.

Rickabaugh has received various complaints about outdoor burning - even from those who are inside their homes.

"Generally, we get a complaint about a nuisance like smoke emission coming through windows or people hanging laundry outside," Rickabaugh said. "Or sometimes, it is a health issue like asthma."

When deemed a health issue, the current ordinance allows the department to extinguish the fire.

Under current law, violators usually get a warning. However, repeated offenses can lead to a misdemeanor and court appearance. If a ban passes, Rickabaugh expects enforcement to increase.

LeCerf welcomes an anticipated reduction in public safety calls related to outdoor burning.

Burning limitations may also encourage composting, he said, which is an alternative benefit that the city provides at no cost.

"We take leaves and yard debris and things of this nature for free," LeCerf said. "We have a compost center where we turn that into black dirt, which works really well as a fertilizer and improving your flower beds."

Due to environmental concerns, burning domestic waste, which releases toxins, is prohibited. Current regulations on burning yard debris include restrictions on size, containers and permissible areas.

The current ordinance and contact information can be found at Maryville.govoffice2.com.

LeCerf anticipates a public hearing before the council reviews the issue during the first meeting in March.

"We have opened this public comment period to get feedback from the citizens in terms of what they would prefer," LeCerf said.

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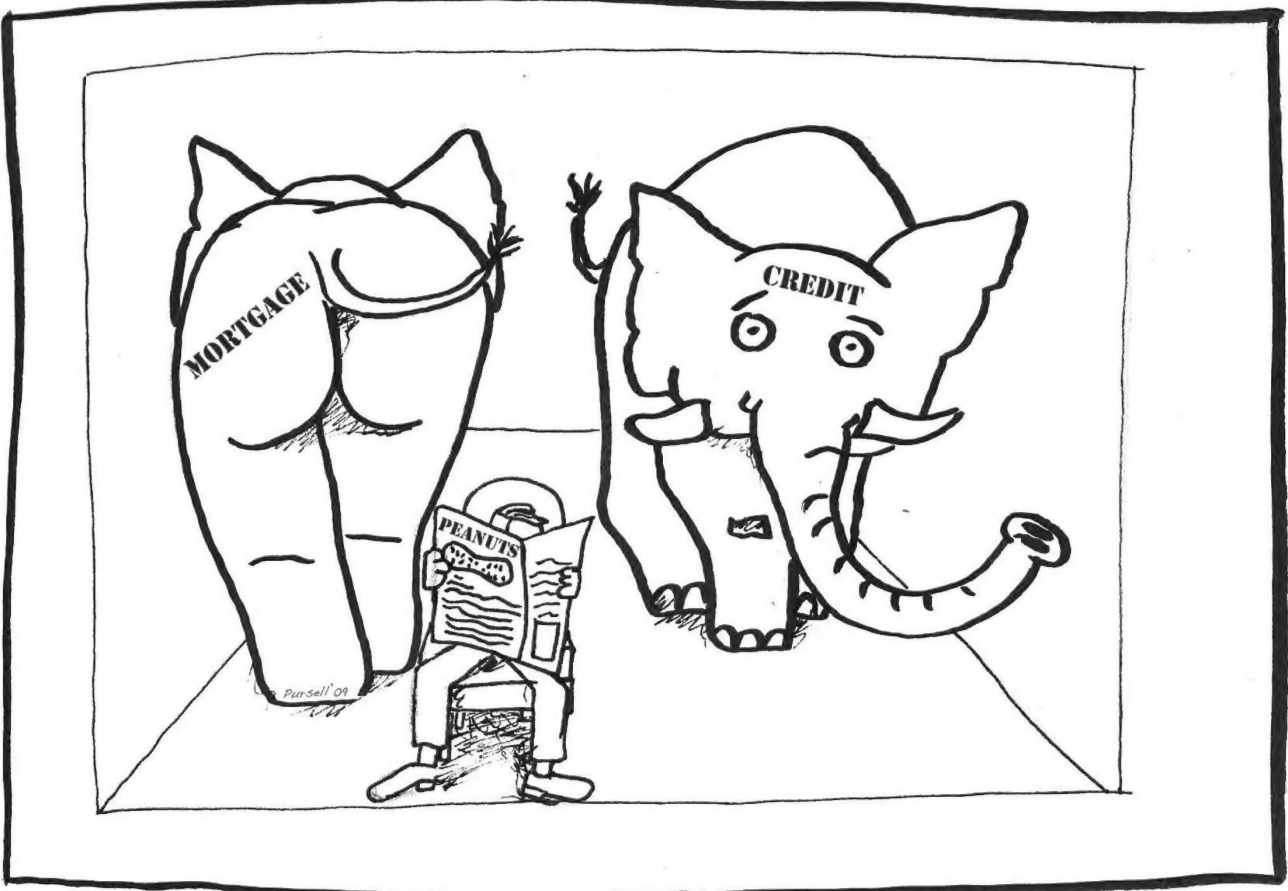
Parents should seek other role models for children

It's probably safe to say that the overt lapses in judgment by two of pop culture's biggest players this past week have society asking the million-dollar question: Where have all the role models gone?
There's little need to rehash the Michael Phelps scandal, but here it is again: the athlete whose swimming pool super powers caused more than a few jaws to drop during the Olympics has now dived into much hotter water, thanks to a leaked photo of him enjoying a bong of marijuana.
Next up is teenage "it girl" Miley Cyrus. In a slightly less-hyped item this week, the "Hannah Montana" TV actress/singer outraged an Asian activist group when a photo depicting her and a few

friends pulling their eyes into a stereotypical Asian slant made its way onto the Internet.
Sure, there have been immediate repercussions for these young stars. Although Phelps and his spokespeople issued the expected "I'm at that age" apology, he still faces possible criminal charges and endorsement deal losses. As for Cyrus, this is only the latest in a series of career-tainting photo faux pas she's had over the past year.
But filter past the "told-you-so" snickers from cynics and you may encounter the audible gasps from parents who just bought their children a Phelps-adorned box of Frosted Flakes cereal or the newest piece of "Hannah" paraphernalia. It's not

surprising that anymore, once children outgrow "Sesame Street", moms and dads are struggling to find some sort of wholesome entertainment to invest in.
While we firmly believe parents, family members and teachers, not celebrities, should be the dominant role models in young people's lives, both TV and the Internet have made pop culture exposure unavoidable in recent years.
However, there are solutions to the role model problem. Parents should, of course, supervise and limit their children's TV and Internet consumption. But to counter the role models who might not always exhibit model behavior, parents and educators should turn to other areas for alternative, awe-inspiring celebrities.

When Hannah Montana does a poor job of teaching diversity appreciation, take into consideration that February is Black History Month and March is Women's History Month – two prime opportunities to celebrate diversity and those icons that have fought to foster it.
When athletes like Phelps choose drugs over dignity, perhaps we should remember that there are men and women who every day live athletic but often dangerous lives defending our country overseas.
We must teach children to appreciate the lives and accomplishments of alternative role models who really are more appropriate heroes, even without the staggering fame and fortune.



MY VIEW

Issues with Gitmo shutdown need to be addressed soon

By Dan Smith
Contributing Columnist

Coming soon to a military prison near you: enemy combatants?
President Obama's Jan. 22 order closing the military prison at Guantanamo Bay within a year has set off a firestorm. Detention of suspected terrorists at Guantanamo has been widely criticized, and closure is needed. At the same time, legal and practical issues must be addressed in closing this sad chapter in our history.
The Kansas City Star (Jan. 23) identified several legal issues – Geneva Convention restrictions on housing enemy combatants with other military prisoners, legality of holding combatants in this country, lingering constitutional questions regarding their habeas and due process rights.
Then there's the political opposition. Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS): "This [sending them to Leavenworth] is just not going to happen on our

watch." Rep. Lynn Jenkins (R-KS): "over my dead body." Karl Rove: "[T]here will be an uproar ... about where to put these people" (Miami Hurricane, Jan. 24).
The good news: the legal issues are not particularly difficult. Complying with the Geneva Conventions has never been difficult, merely inconvenient. Our Constitution may not require full-blown trials, but it does require formal charges and meaningful hearings, not unlimited detention or kangaroo courts. We can do this.
The practical issues, though, are much harder. There are less than 250 detainees left – hardly a logistical nightmare. But there are no good options. No one wants suspected terrorists in their neighborhood. Trials are problematic – it's hard enough to obtain evidence on the battlefield, but it's near impossible years later. Trials mean airing our dirty laundry, including allegations of mistreatment. There's also

danger in setting precedent affecting military operations; soldiers aren't trained to gather evidence, and cannot be held to the same procedural standards as domestic police.
Nor can we just let them go. A few might actually be terrorists, and after six years of detention, others probably want to be. Some of their home countries don't even want them back. Perhaps the best option is finding allies willing to take some of them, subject to agreed-upon procedures for charges, trials and punishment. Rendition anyone?
At least we can learn something from this mess. The Bush Administration screwed up, then made it worse. These people should never have been brought to Gitmo; they should have been held where captured, and subjected to the laws of war or the host countries. (A case can be made that executing then "in the field" would have raised fewer legal problems than taking them to

Gitmo.) They should have been formally charged, given due process, and treated humanely – all of them, all the time.
There's a reason our ultra-conservative Supreme Court struck down the administration's Gitmo policies on four separate occasions. Remember, these are "suspected" terrorists – emphasis on "suspected." Many have never been charged; dozens have been released for lack of credible evidence; another 60 have been cleared for release.
Regardless of what is done, this much is certain: It must be done soon, to maintain whatever credibility the new administration has regarding our values, and the entire process must be transparent. It's uncomfortable to show the world how we've messed up, but again, there are no good options. If that means some detainees come to Leavenworth, so be it. And that's the lesson we should take from Gitmo: in the long term, the easy solution really isn't.

MY VIEW

Role of UN, mediators, should be reviewed

The recent decision made by the United Nations to remain in Sudan, even after the body was asked to leave by the Sudanese government, and the situation taking place in Darfur brings up so many questions, and so many takes on the topic at hand.
But instead of concentrating on the government of Sudan, or whether or not the rebel forces have legitimate claims, I feel that the power and authority of the United Nations and the African Union, involved as mediators and peace-keeping forces, must be reviewed. More importantly, is it appropriate for the AU and the UN to remain once a member state asks them to leave? In this case, yes.



Kathleen Wilmes
Opinion Editor

Take, for example, the joining into a state itself. People come together, hopefully by consent, in order to provide something they themselves cannot provide alone: defense. But with this benefit comes a price: a loss of some individual liberty. What is good for the state as a whole is more important than the good of one person or a small minority of people. It is really no different with unions between multiple countries that are all over the world these days.
Sudan was not forced to join the UN, nor the AU. No, Sudan willingly joined to reap the benefits these unions provide. And with those benefits comes a price. The good of the UN and the AU as a whole is more important than the wants of one state, rational or irrational as they may be.
It is not just Sudan that is affected by this. Neighboring countries are becoming greatly affected with the overwhelming number of refugees and the stress on resources and, more importantly, security. The UN and the AU both must take this into account.
Next, the purpose of both unions must be taken into account as well. What is the primary purpose of these unions? To maintain and restore international (and African) peace and security is a fundamental concept behind forming unions in the first place.
So long as there is no prejudice on the UN or AU's part toward state or non-state actors, and so long as non-discriminative aerial bombings take place by the government, and these rebel forces continue to purposely move into highly populated areas, intentionally putting civilian lives at risk, these unions must remain.
The question is not whether the Sudanese government is correct in wanting to maintain the two fundamental objectives of any state, order and defense, or whether the rebel forces are correct in acting out in the only manner they feel they have left. The question concerns the relationship between member states and unions, which I strongly feel will be a much bigger issue in years to come.

CAMPUS TALK

If you were president, where would you go on your first foreign trip?



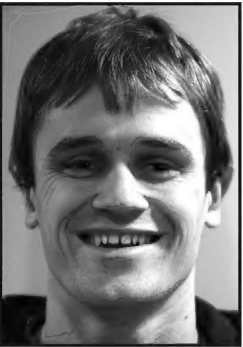
"I would go to Tokyo because it is the technological capital of the world."

Kevin Birdsell
Computer Science



"France because they hate us."

Natalie Nowiszewski
Public Relations



"I would visit Israel because it is a place in great need of peace right now."

Colby Elder
Pre-Physical Therapy



"Obviously Iraq or Afghanistan to try to solve some of the problems over there and clean up a little bit."

Christopher Robbins
Special Education



"I would go to Scotland and marry the 16 year-old girl of my dreams."

Damon Heath
Computer Science

GANDHI: Anger must be understood to be handled, speaker says

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what they need to at that particular moment," Gandhi said.

Lesson two is to understand nonviolence. Violence is committed in a lot of ways that people do not understand or realize, he said.

"Even in the making of a simple thing like a pencil we use the world's natural resources," Gandhi stated. "When we throw it away, we are throwing away the world's natural resources and that is violence against nature."

People over consume natural resources depriving people elsewhere who are in poverty which is called violence of humanity, he said.

Love and respect must always be relevant. If people can say it is not then it is safe to say humanity is lost, which leads to lesson three- building relationships, said Gandhi.

Relationships are based on all principles of respect, understanding, acceptance and appreciation, he said. Negative attitude towards relationships will never have a chance to be strong.

"We need to have a kind of relationship with the whole world where we can help each other by helping other nations to achieve and understand effective living and not to fight and destroy each other and our world," said Gandhi.

Gandhi used life stories to help emphasize the importance of the three lessons.

"Gandhi made understanding the need for practicing nonviolence seem more important," Andrew Linhart said. "He showed the effectiveness of his grandfather's methods he learned through childhood memories."

Nonviolence is helping people become more gentle, respectful and good people, he said.

"Peace is like a grain of wheat. If you allow the grain to interact with all the elements it would sprout and grow into a whole field of wheat," Gandhi said. "If someone finds peace and keeps it for themselves it would only benefit them, but if they let it interact with all the other elements we can transform this world into a peaceful place."

STIMULUS: Money would help fund new Maryville road projects

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teacher salaries are just some of the items that federal money could help the school district with, Miller said. School districts could also benefit from federal funds going to the state level, as funds at that level could help schools across Missouri.

Another component of Obama's plan includes public works projects.

With enterprise funds in place for water and sewer projects, any potential funding from a federal stimulus package would most likely go toward road projects, Maryville Public Works Director Greg Decker said.

Already planning for potential funds to come, the city chose Midland Surveying, Inc. to survey West 16th Street early last week. But city officials aren't limiting themselves to the one road,

Decker said.

"We see a definite need for South Depot Street for a pretty major project. It's in as bad as shape as West 16th is," Decker said.

Like Miller, however, Decker was quick to point out that at this point, everything is just speculation. Until the plan passes through all of the government loopholes and is in black and white, municipalities can't move forward.

"We are still operating as if there is no stimulus money and we're going to continue to pursue grants and other forms of revenue as if there is no stimulus money and if the stimulus package does come in, then we'll have some projects lined up and ready to go," Decker said. "Everybody's kind of getting prepared to do this to see what's going to happen, so that when the funds come out, they can hit the ground running."

SENATE: Gentleman's Ball will go on as planned

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says she wasn't satisfied with the results.

"It's hard to get half of what you needed when you're so passionate about it," Milton said.

Zeta Phi Beta is a sorority made up of Northwest minority women. Members say it is a new organization that does not receive regular funding.

However, Milton says she does see some progress.

"It makes me hopeful that we may have impacted even one person on senate. That person could then impact someone else ... and cause real change," Milton said.

Freeman says she did see some change.

"I was proud of the senate tonight, and I'm proud of those girls," Freeman said. "Our senators learned how the tone of questions can impact others," she said.

As for the sorority's event, Milton says all hope is not lost. "This isn't going to stop our event," Milton said. The Gentleman's Ball is still set for 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 19.

"We pressured them, and this was not over until we got what we had to say off our chest," she said. Milton also told Student Senate she planned on running for an open seat during the upcoming elections, and she was nominated for an open seat as Sophomore Class Representative at last week's meeting.

MARES: Former journalist came to Maryville after losing paper job

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off their radios and ferried blood supplies," Fred said. "One thing about tragedy is that people come out of the woodwork to help."

The Times and Kansas City Star — joint papers under the same ownership — reported on the story, as well as covering the aftermath and investigating the cause of the collapse.

The coverage earned the team of reporters the Pulitzer Prize for local spot news reporting.

And even though he was part of that team, Fred is quick to downplay his role.

"I always downplay my role in the Pulitzer because the thrust of the award went to the Star and Times staff for their basic yearlong coverage of identifying the cause of the collapse, months before the government released their report," Fred said.

Fred would work nine years in newspapers before moving on to a position with National High School Sports Hall of Fame. After just three years, that position would have to be downsized, leaving Fred distraught about losing a job that he loved.

But that loss would lead Fred to Northwest to pursue a master's degree in English. To make ends meet, Fred applied at Hy-Vee.

"I needed to work to bring in some money while I was a grad student and I started out in our bakery," Fred said. "And then some of the managers said 'You're really good with people and children — everybody.' When people tell me that, I credit my background in journalism."

But before Fred could get his life off the ground in Maryville, personal tragedy struck on Sept. 1, 1995.

"My world stopped. My

mother passed away," Fred said. "My studies were interrupted obviously after my mother passed away. Little did I realize that that particular episode would change my life because I got stuck in the grieving process. When I came back to Maryville, I couldn't get back to school. I couldn't concentrate. And little did I realize I was about to go into my first bout of depression."

Getting help in dealing with the loss of someone who played such a prominent role in his life was vital, Fred said.

"In life, when you ask for help, that's a sign of strength, not a sign of weakness," Fred said. "Mental illness is no longer taboo. It affects more people than you may realize, but it is a treatable disease, just like diabetes and heart disease. There's no difference."

Part of Fred's road to recovery included writing the story of longtime Northwest athletic director and coach Ryland Milner in "Dear Coach: The Ryland Milner Story." He also joined his brother Don — the first Hispanic auditor in the history of Denver — for his campaign against John Hickenlooper in the city's mayoral race.

Don lost the race and now serves in Colorado Governor Bill Ritter's cabinet. Having his brothers by his side was very special for Don, who reflected on growing up with Fred and said that their upbringing had a profound impact on their successes.

"Maybe it's what makes Fred who he is," Don said. "Having grown up in a household where we were not only allowed to be who we wanted to be, but encouraged to be who we wanted to be. None of us were put down for anything we wanted to do. When you have an environment like

that, Fred was able to shine at whatever he did."

Working at Hy-Vee as a greeter allowed Fred to continue exploring his creative side. One year, Fred played the piano for 24-hours straight for juvenile diabetes. Other times, he brandishes a guitar and serenades customers. From patrons who would write him poems to others who would dress up as the Hy-Vee greeter for Halloween, Fred has touched the lives of many Maryville residents.

One of those residents is Kara Adams. A former Hy-Vee employee and Miss Northwest, Adams once threw a pie in Fred's face for a Relay for Life fundraiser. Adams said Fred was more like a friend than a co-worker.

"He's someone you look up to because no matter if you had a bad day or if you were down about something from school or work or life, as soon as you hit the doors at Hy-Vee he would be there telling you to leave your problems at the door, have a good day at work 'Kara Adams No. 1,'" Adams said. "I've never seen Fred not with a smile on. That's why it was always amazing working with him because he always had true character."

Fred hopes to write another book soon, either about himself, his mother or of a combination of the two. In the meantime, he'll continue to greet customers with a smile and a listening ear, all while living to another tenant from his life, this one borrowed from a prayer from his mother.

"My mother's philosophy," Fred said. "'Help me to fulfill the purpose for which I have been created and to share the abilities that have been given to me. Not only to help myself, but to help others.'"

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MEMBERS OF THE Soul of Our Feet tap dance group perform the "1930's B.S. Chorus." The group displayed their skills Tuesday in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

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THE SOULS OF OUR FEET

Tap dance show amazes audience with fast footwork, colorful costumes and dance legend

By Stacie Zika
Missourian Reporter

It was a night filled with rhythm, legends, tapping and clapping. There was spinning, twirling, jumping and sliding. There was even a little bit of scatting.

The Tapestry Dance Company performed "The Souls of Our Feet" as a part of the Encore series. The show is a tap dance performance that highlights the history and progression of American tap dancing.

Acia Gray, the executive-artistic director who also helped created the show says that it is a personal tribute to those who have influenced tap through out history.

"This is a show about some of the people who have inspired me and who have taught me so much. It is a part of my destiny to pass this on, from me to the Tapestry dancers and on to you as well," Gray said as an introduction to the show.

Gray has been dancing for more than 30 years and has a love for dancing. She not only created and directs the show, but also dances in it as well. Gray said she drew inspiration from some of the greats of dancing.

"When you would watch them you could see that they loved what they were doing. You could see their passion through their feet and that is where the title of the show comes from," she said.

"The Souls of Our Feet" was the first tap dancing show to be a part of the Encore series. Campus Activities Director Angel McAdams-Prescott said that Encore always includes a dance show and this was chosen as this year's. Prescott and the Student Activity Council were excited to have them here, she said.

The show had seven core dancers, plus Gray. There were also video clips showing through the performance highlighting legends from Shirley Temple to Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. The show also included a live three-piece jazz band. The dancers mimicked famous scenes and dance numbers and

also added their own individual styles and personalities. The show featured many costume changes to help show the different styles and time periods.

The goal of the show was not only to celebrate the history behind tap dancing but also to share the magic of it all with the audience, Gray said.

Audience members seemed to be captivated by this tapping magic, throughout the show, young and old alike were tapping their toes and dancing in their seats.

Student Ashley Phillips says she came to the show not knowing what to expect but left amazed.

"It was awesome. I was just completely wowed. I've never seen tap like this before. It is amazing that feet can actually move that fast. I just sat there in awe for the whole two hours," she said.

Many of the audience members came because they had a love for dance. During intermission, chatters of times past could be heard. Audience members talked of how the show took them back and made them remember the good times. They talked about Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly and many others and remembered some of their most memorable dances and movies.

For other audience members, the show provided a chance to be introduced to older styles of dance. It also provided a connection to songs that they may have heard before.

At one point, dance legend Arthur Duncan came onto the stage and sang and danced to "It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got that Swing." The Tapestry dancers joined him and the crowd cheered.

"I had no idea who he was before tonight, but I was very highly impressed that he was up there dancing and keeping up with people who had to be at least 30 years younger than him. It was really cool," graduate student Mindy Burkemper said.

The night ended with a complete standing ovation from the audience as the dancers took their final bow and then danced off stage to "The Saints Go Marching In."



KATELYN HARRIS TAPS and twirls as Eleanor Powell in the segment "The Women." The Tapestry Dance Company was formed by Acia Gray in 1989.

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"Sometimes you go to a new place and don't have friends, but I had my brothers and that was a good feeling,"

"I never stayed in one place too long, I kept switching schools because I wanted to see what else was out there."

In light of Black History Month, we found two students who are very involved with campus activities, maintain a strong relationship with their families, and even travel the world. Finding strength in music and friendship, these two Northwest students have made a positive reputation for themselves among their peers.

Stories by Sydney Moore, Features Editor
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ABOUT FACE

Gospel music a key note in student's life

Growing up in a military family had its ups and downs for one Northwest student.

Joe Saffold, a junior pre-professional Zoology major, has already had the opportunity to live in four different states and Japan – before he even started college.

The middle child of five, Saffold has used his experience of moving around military bases to his advantage.

"I think it helped," Saffold said. "Being able to adapt really helped me when I came here."

The ease of adapting has helped Saffold in his three years at Northwest. An active member of Talents Used for Good (TUG), Minority Men Organization (MMO), the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Pre-Health Occupations Club,

Saffold also finds time to be president of the campus gospel choir, which received recognition as a separate organization this year.

"We were under the ABC (Alliance of Black Collegiates) organization and we wanted to move away from the ABC and branch out," Saffold said.

His love for gospel music isn't newly acquired, either.

While living on a military base in Japan, Saffold fell in love with the genre and his passion carried over when he moved back to the U.S.

"When I came out here freshman year, they told me they had a gospel choir and I worked with them," he said. "A lot of that group was upperclassmen that were getting ready to leave, so sophomore year I kind of

stepped up a little bit."

After his first year with the choir, an opportunity arose for Saffold and he was eager to step up.

"Second semester they were kind of like 'oh well, we're falling apart,' basically and I didn't want to see that happen," Saffold said. "I love gospel music, so I said you know, 'I'll step up' and took it all in full fledge."

In addition to taking on the new role as the choir president, Saffold has also worked as a resident assistant in Hudson Hall for two years. Having transitioned many times in his own life, Saffold has found a way to help freshman residents feel comfortable when they move away from home for the first time.

"The best part is interacting with the students, being a part

of the freshman's transition to college, and helping them make the most of their first year here," he said.

His mother, he said, is the inspiration behind his decision to become involved with Residential Life. Being involved with a similar program while she was in college, she told her son that becoming an RA would be a great way to help his personality. After being elected hall council president his freshman year, Saffold chose to take his mother's advice and applied for the job. After two years of helping freshmen get used to their new lives, Saffold said he will definitely continue his job next year, as well.

Although his large family isn't in one location anymore, Saffold said their tight-knit relationship has always kept them

close, even when distance is a factor.

"Sometimes you go to a new place and don't have friends, but I had my brothers and that was a good feeling," he said.

With five children ranging in ages from 24 to 12, the Saffold family has always found a way to keep its close bond at the top of its priority list – even when times weren't exactly ideal.

"Even though we might have complained about moving, they did the best with what they had," Saffold said of his parents' effort to keep their children happy when they were living on military bases.

"We may have complained and moaned about it, but our parents definitely kept us together and we were able to grow as brothers, as siblings."

Sorority leader appreciates cohesive group

Sisterhood has always been a big part of Kayela Thompson's life – and not just when it comes to her four siblings.

Thompson, a senior business management and marketing major, has spent her college career focusing on the importance of sisterhood with Delta Sigma Theta, a private, non-profit organization on campus. Thompson has been a member since her sophomore year and has been the president for the past two years.

The organization's small size allows them to focus on their core value – sisterhood.

"Last year we only had two members," Thompson said. "This

year, we have five, and we hang out all the time; they're always at my house."

Although the Northwest chapter isn't as large as others, Thompson has witnessed the tight-knit bond at other schools.

At a national convention in Orlando, Fla. last summer, Thompson and the other members of Delta Sigma Theta experienced the sisterhood their sorority carries around the country.

"We were so lost and didn't have any idea where we were going," Thompson said. "They saw we were part of their sorority and were like 'oh, you're lost, let me help you,' it was great – I loved

it and I would not change a thing about it."

One of the events that Delta Sigma Theta sponsors is the annual Crimson and Cream Pageant. The pageant, which provides a scholarship to the winner, consists of five male contestants who will showcase their talents Friday, Feb. 20 in the Charles Johnson Theatre. All proceeds from the event, including ticket and ad sales, will go toward the winner's scholarship.

Even before college, Thompson knew the true meaning of sisterhood. The second-to-oldest of five children, she's always known first hand about close relationships.

With her father being in the military, Thompson had the chance to live all over the world – Texas, Maryland, North Carolina, California and even Korea, before her family settled in Waynesville, Mo.

"I liked it," Thompson said. "I don't like to stay in one place for too long. I guess I get that from my parents."

Although moving from state to state can be difficult for some teens, Thompson enjoyed the experience and took full advantage of it whenever she had the chance.

"My parents got divorced when I was younger, so half the

time I would go see my dad during the summers," she said. "I guess I kind of had A.D.D. because I never stayed in one place too long, I kept switching schools because I wanted to see what else was out there."

After settling in Maryville for four years, will graduate from Northwest in December, with high hopes of finding a career in logistics management.

Thompson isn't sure where exactly her career will take her after college, but she does know for certain where she doesn't want to end up.

"Not Kansas City – people in Kansas City drive horribly."

Top 4 picks of the week

By Marshall Carlson
Entertainment Reporter

New album in stores – The Fray released its latest album, “The Fray,” which hit shelves this Tuesday. Lead vocalist Isaac Slade has been quoted saying the new album is “a little more extreme than the last record,” and that “it definitely spreads the spectrum.” The band’s most recognizable album, “How to Save a Life,” was released in 2005, and the title track was featured in an episode of “Grey’s Anatomy.” Their debut album went double-platinum, and their latest shouldn’t disappoint.



New band to check out – Closure In Moscow is a progressive rock band based out of Melbourne, Australia. The band is comprised of lead singer Chris DeCinque, guitarist and backup vocalist Manny Zennell, guitarist Michael Barrett, drummer Beau McKee, and bassist Bradley Kimber. Just a year and a half after the aussies joined forces, they signed with Taperjean Records. In April 2008, they released their debut EP, “The Penance and the Patience,” and has toured alongside Saosin, Coheed and Cambria, Street Drum Corps, A Static Lullaby, and Aiden.

New DVD release this week – “Nick and Norah’s Infinite Playlist” was released Tuesday. The movie stars Michael Cera (“Juno”) as Nick O’Leary and Kat Dennings (“Superbad”) as Norah Silverberg. The two pair up while wandering around the streets of New York City looking for their friend Caroline, as well as their favorite band’s secret show. Norah asks Nick to be her date for the night to prove a point to Tris, a girl who Norah dislikes. Unfortunately, Norah doesn’t realize that Nick is Tris’s ex-boyfriend. As the night progresses, the two seem to develop a real connection, and the outcome becomes something neither expected.

New TV show to check out – New episodes of “How I Met Your Mother” began on Thursday. The comedy premiered in 2005, and has been going strong ever since. Ted Mosby (Josh Radnor) thinks he is destined to be with Robin (Cobie Smulders). Accompanied by their best friends Marshall (Jason Segal), Lily (Alyson Hannigan), and Barney (Neil Patrick Harris), the story of their relationship is told piece by piece from the beginning. The group of friends are followed as they go through different relationships, awkward dates and everything in between that most 20-somethings encounter.



STROLLER

Your Man sheds tears

The 2008 football season is officially over, and I’m beyond depressed already. Like every other red-blooded American man’s man, I shed tears of joy and sadness when the Lombardi trophy is handed to the winner. Sadness will completely take over after the All-Star game this weekend.

But I learned some things from this year’s Super Bowl, like to never underestimate anyone. The Arizona Cardinals came out of nowhere, and fought to the end.

I also realized that Bruce Springsteen might be clinically unstable. When I saw him point at the camera and proceed to slide across the stage, I was worried he might break a hip. But then that slide ended crotch first into the cameraman. And that was even funnier.

That’s a hazard I didn’t realize existed in the video world. At least he apologized to the guy. Does State Farm sell Springsteen collision insurance?

It got weird when he told everyone to “put down the chicken fingers.” It was at



The Stroller

that exact point that I had to change the channel. I was embarrassed for him. Like the Rolling Stones a few years ago, it was sad to watch.

On a brighter note, there were new Budweiser Clydesdale commercials. I learned that a horse can play fetch, fall in love and finally find his niche in society (as a Bud draft horse of course).

There were many other funny ones, if you missed some don’t worry, they’ll be on again. Companies don’t spend millions to have their commercial only played once. Oh, they do? Wow.

Anyway, the game has ended and I continue to fall into sadness. Six months without football is in my immediate future. To make it worse, arena football is skipping this season because of the economy.

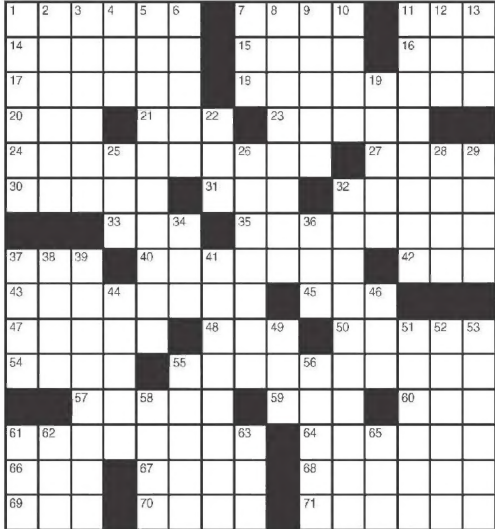
But what can I do? I don’t think I can get the Canadian league on TV, and fútbol isn’t quite the same. I just have to be sad and wait for next season.

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REVIEW

Audiences will be ‘Taken’ away by Liam Neeson’s leading power

Who would’ve thought a movie about underground prostitution would leave you cheering? “Taken” has brought to light a controversial topic and made a stellar action movie that goes past the speed limit and never slows down.

The film, starring Liam Neeson (“Schindler’s List”), follows former CIA agent Bryan Mills on a relentless mission to recover his daughter who has been kidnapped and sold into prostitution while vacationing in Paris. Also starring are Famke Janssen (“X-Men”) as Mills’ estranged wife and Maggie Grace (“Jane Austen Book Club”) as the kidnapped daughter. Director Pierre Morel

(“Transporter”) is known for his incredible action sequences and he has not changed direction in this film. Hardly five minutes go by without a car wreck or someone getting punched or shot. Most of the time this would make for a repetitive movie, but the incredible leading capabilities of Neeson provide for a different type of thrill ride.

Neeson has certainly expanded his repertoire with this movie. He usually plays

calmer roles in “Schindler’s List” and “Kinsey.” However in this film, he has given himself a make-over of sorts by playing the rugged Mills with a mean streak so charged, an angry scowl from him could cause injury.

If Neeson telling the kidnappers he’s going to kill them if they don’t return his daughter without being cheesy doesn’t prove his acting capabilities, I don’t know what will. His delivery is so honest and it makes for a very intense and admirable character.

However, if it weren’t for Neeson and Morel, this movie

could’ve been a colossal failure. Lesser acting and lesser direction and it may have easily been written off as a glorified punch-fest of Steven Seagal proportions.

Morel and Neeson are the quarterback and receiver of a football team that wins because of great leadership. Neeson climbing onboard with this role also shows the confidence in Morel. He is at the level of an actor where he could choose to be in a Scorsese movie or a Coen brothers movie, but he chose to work with the lesser-known Morel. This move displays a great show of character from Neeson.

The story is certainly not the most original and there aren’t

any serious Academy Award winning tear-jerking moments, but it is a fun film nonetheless.

Lack of emotion is prominent in this film from Mills, but this is how he should be. Often, a lack of emotion can be seen as a flaw from the actor, but in this case, it is actually brilliant because the character needs to be without emotion. All he cares about is his daughter and he shows no mercy for anybody else.

Another notch in the belt for Neeson, and another step up the Hollywood ladder for Morel. “Taken” is a heart-pounding adrenaline-filled ride of Space Mountain proportions that you will want to ride again and again.

REVIEW

Indie Kansas City band resurfaces with new album; ‘Awake O Sleeper’ to first full-length album

By Mallory Dahmer
Missourian Reporter

It seems as though too often people grow apart as they grow older. However, quite the opposite has proved to be true for the guys of the band McCoy.

They have known each other since elementary school, but only within the past couple of years have they united with a passion for music.

This local indie band from Kansas City released their new album, “The Prayers That Set

Us Free” on Jan. 24.

Inspired by artists such as Ryan Adams, Wilco and Sigur Ros, this band has a folk/rock kind of vibe that gives their style a unique appeal.

I saw this band play a couple of summers ago at a venue in Kansas. They seemed well put-together and I remember liking their music, but to be honest, I hadn’t really followed them over the past couple of years. I think that’s why I was so excited when their new album was released.

The band shows variety

and consistency in the quality of music throughout their album. Their single, “Awake O Sleeper,” is upbeat and encouraging. The vocals are beautiful and complement the instrumentals very nicely. A mid-song guitar solo is unexpected and pleasant. The beat is constant and keeps the song flowing beautifully.

Another single, “Slow Down,” has a mellow intro, but the song slowly picks up. The balance of the instruments and the voices is incredible in this piece. I always love a

song more when it involves the piano, and they did a wonderful job at making this ballad complete with the instrument.

The song, “Kansas City,” is introduced with the sound of a harmonica, giving variety from other songs on the album. This mellow song gives listeners a glimpse of the place from which they came. This was a personal favorite, partially because it hit close to home for me as well, but mostly because I loved the sound and emotion brought into this piece.

Their passion for music is

evident throughout the album and the lyrics seem to say that they are on fire for more than the notes they play. The music is easy-going, but the lyrics are deep and meaningful.

“The Prayers That Set Us Free” is their first full-length album and their talent has blown me away. Rumor has it that these boys will be making a visit to Northwest this semester, along with We Are Voices, another local Kansas City band. Until then, their music can be found at Myspace.com/mccoyband.

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Super Bowl referees' actions called into question

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

Arizona really got the shaft on Super Sunday. They did everything possible to win the game. The offensive stats even went in Arizona's favor and the defense played well enough for them to win.

The game's MVP, Antonio Holmes, had slightly more than half the yards of Larry Fitzgerald and only a single touchdown. Big Ben played better than he did in his last Super Bowl appearance in 2005, but Kurt Warner outplayed him by a landslide. Warner's 377 passing yards is second only to himself in Super Bowl history. He tripled the touchdowns of Roethlisberger and somehow Arizona managed to lose this game.

The refs didn't help them out very much either, 96 penalty yards

in the first half compared with only 15 against Pittsburgh. There's no way the Steelers played that clean of a game. The 106 penalty yards in the game was the most in Super Bowl history. How proud Ken Whisenhunt must be.

Now I see why Warner had to say "Cardinals in the Super Bowl" twice on ESPN, they weren't meant to still be playing this late in the season. The stage was far too big for them.

Somehow, Pittsburgh faltered and let the Cardinals back into the game; CBS must have wanted to increase their ratings and a blow-out was no way to get to the record amount of viewers that watched the Super Bowl.

Warner had one drive left to try to secure himself a place among the NFL's elite and get his bust into the Hall of Fame in Canton. But, he

fumbled, great timing. Must have been another ratings thing. Arizona obviously wasn't supposed to win this game.

Once again, the referee failed the fans. He returned the fastest review known to man. They kept playing it over and over, but somehow his arm seemed to be moving forward every time. Interesting concept, isn't it? This blown call made the onside kick possession call at the Division II championship game look brilliant.

The NFL should be apologizing already for the poor officiating during the Super Bowl. The pivotal play comes at the end of the biggest game and it gets shrugged off like it's nothing. Way to elicit an anti-climatic ending.

This was Arizona's one shot at glory. Their 15 minutes of fame is gone and so are their chances in the upcoming years.

Warner is without a contract and will inevitably retire and fade away into pro football has-beens. Matt Leinart will have his time under center and his NFL career snatched away by some hot-shot rookie quarterback a month into the season and one of the best pairs of wide receivers in history will be torn apart. Anquan Boldin will jump to the Giants and take the spot vacated by Plaxico Burress, leaving Fitzgerald to try and carry a team that overachieved to reach the platform they did this season.

Even offensive coordinator Todd Haley is abandoning ship. He's the hottest head-coaching candidate out there and will most likely take Kansas City job.

I thought the Chiefs were in bad shape, but at the rate the Cardinals are going, I can't wait for the 2009 season to start.

Signing Day exhilarating for some, humiliating for others

Wednesday was a great day in college football. The cream of the crop of high school football signed their letters of intent to the colleges they have chosen.

To the true college football fans, Wednesday could be seen as a national holiday. It is when you get to see where the future of your program is headed.

But for one young man, signing day is a horrific anniversary to most likely one of the worst days of his life.

Last year at this time, a high school senior by the name of Kevin Hart accepted his scholarship offer from the University of California, in front of a



Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

crowded gym for a pep rally in his honor.

The only problem is, Cal had no idea who Hart was.

Hart, an offensive lineman, appeared to have promising potential his junior year of high school. After attending a few college camps his senior year, he came to find out he wasn't as great as he thought he

was and at best, could be a Division I walk on.

Hart was unable to live with his average, if not below average, talent. He made an elaborate story about how he was being recruited by many Division I schools, such as Cal, Oregon,

Oregon State and Nevada.

The sad thing is that his parents, coaches, friends and entire school believed his lie. Neither his parents nor his coaches had any contact with any Division I school and all believed Hart was handling everything on his own.

The one thing I can't decide is whether Hart is just an unbelievable liar or if the small town where Hart went to high school is just very gullible.

After admitting his lie, Hart received tons of mail. He figured it to be hate mail, but it was actually people lending him their support and best wishes.

That's not the only thing that surprised Hart. After seeing his story on ESPN, a junior college coach from Quincy, Calif. called Hart to offer him

a spot on Feather River College's roster.

This shows you just how much our country values second chances. This also makes me regret throwing away my baseball career after high school. All I had to do was pretend to be recruited by Florida State, get my few minutes of fame on ESPN for being a total screw up, and some junior college would take pity on me and give me a shot.

Well, Hart's coaches said he will be in the running for starting right guard next season, lets hope that this is the last we hear from Hart. Unless he makes up some lie about being awesome again and some NFL team is dumb enough to draft him. I guess the Chiefs could always use an extra offensive lineman.

POWER RANKINGS

Men

	MIAA	OVERALL
Central Missouri (12)	10-3	17-3
Southwest Baptist (6)	9-3	15-3
Emporia State	8-5	13-5
Washburn	8-5	13-5
Fort Hays	7-5	16-5
UNO	7-5	10-8
Missouri Southern	6-7	12-5
Missouri Western	6-7	8-10
Northwest	4-9	9-9
Pitt State	4-9	8-10
Truman	1-12	6-12

* Wednesday games not included.

Women

	MIAA	OVERALL
Emporia State (4)	12-1	18-2
Pitt State	11-2	16-5
Washburn (10)	10-3	17-3
Missouri Southern	10-3	16-4
Central	9-4	14-6
UNO	5-7	9-9
Fort Hays	5-7	9-10
Southwest Baptist	4-9	7-13
Northwest	2-11	6-14
Missouri Western	2-11	2-17
Truman State	1-12	4-16

*Wednesday games not included.

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Woody's picks

Prediction record (6-6)
NCAA Lock

Purdue at Illinois — Illini
Purdue just came off a really tough overtime loss to Ohio State, and picking any good team coming off a loss is a smart move in my book. My gut feelings have worked well for me this season though, and my gut tells me to go with with Illinois.

NCAA Upset

Oklahoma State at Kansas — OSU
Odds Kansas loses this weekend? Good. I figure this one has better odds of coming true than Mizzou over KU. But hey, maybe if I'm lucky enough, I will get to see the Jayhawks lose twice in the same weekend. That would make me very happy indeed.

NFL Lock

Harvard at Yale — Harvard
Yale scored 36 points against Cornell. Wow. Really guys? The Spoofhound girls' basketball teams can score more than that.

NFL Upset

Notre Dame at UCLA — Irish
The Irish can't keep losing can they? They have lost five straight, and a team that was so good earlier in the season can't possibly be this bad now, can they?

Brian "The Bulldog's" picks
Prediction record (4-8)
NCAA Lock

Texas at Nebraska — Texas
This something that has never happened before and will never happen again. I am picking against my Huskers. They have been in every game against quality opponents all year, but they just can't come away with the win. Plus, always being the optimist, I think the Huskers will get hot during the Big 12 tourney and make their way to the big dance. Lastly, Dustin picked NU to win so that means he has finally learned something about sports, but I know my 'Skers would never win for that Mizzou freak.

NCAA Upset

Florida State at Clemson — FSU
Watch for the 'Noles to pull this upset and ride a hot streak into March Madness.

NCAA Lock

Kansas at Mizzou — Kansas
KU doesn't look great so far, but they will pick up their game and show Mizzou fans why they aren't in the top 25.

NCAA Upset

Memphis at Gonzaga — Zaga
Memphis hasn't beaten a ranked team all year. Why start now?

Jason's picks

Prediction record (6-6)
NCAA Lock

Oklahoma St. at Kansas — KU
So, Bulldog took my KU over MU pick, but Woody went against my 'Hawks on this one so might as well try and catch Dustin in the standings. Kansas is just a much better team and they're finally growing up, which is bad for everyone in the Big 12 and hopefully will lead KU to a higher seed in the NCAA tourney.

NCAA Upset

Syracuse at Villanova — 'Cuse
'Nova plays in a weak conference and that will hurt them in this match-up. Plus, Dustin picked them to lose one and win one, so it's a no-brainer to go against him.

NCAA Lock

Purdue at Illinois — Purdue
Illinois lost miserably against Minnesota two games ago and thats just sad. 36 points, seriously? Purdue wins easily versus an over-matched fighting Illini team.

NCAA Upset

Minnesota at Ohio State — OSU
It's a miracle Tubby Smith has Minnesota ranked. So much for that, Ohio State upsets the Golden Gophers in Columbus.

Dustin's picks

Prediction record (9-3)
NCAA Lock

Marquette at Villanova — Marq.
I said last week that Marquette was the best team in the Big East, yes even better than the No. 1 team in the land, UConn. So, of course the Golden Eagles take this one.

NCAA Upset

Texas at Nebraska — Neb.
Texas fell last week to K-State in Austin, so I don't see the Long-horns having much of a chance in Lincoln. Lincoln is a long way from home for the 'Horns.

NCAA Lock

Syracuse vs. Villanova — Nova
Yeah, I already picked 'Nova to lose this week but I thought this game was my best chance of extending my lead.

NCAA Upset

Kansas at Mizzou — M-I-Z
This is the first time in a long time that I can actually say the Tigers have a chance against KU. The teams' records don't look very different this season and neither does the talent. But the Jayhawks will have to go to Columbia which is always going to be tough if you're wearing Crimson and Blue.

MIAA STATISTICS

MEN'S SCORING MARGIN

# Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1. Central Missouri	20	80.0	63.6	+16.4
2. Southwest Baptist	19	91.2	75.5	+15.6
3. Nebraska-Omaha	19	82.6	74.1	+8.6
4. Emporia State	20	78.1	69.8	+8.3
5. Fort Hays State	19	72.3	64.7	+7.6
6. Missouri Southern	23	75.6	69.8	+5.7
7. Washburn	20	79.8	74.4	+5.4
8. Northwest	20	69.7	66.8	+2.9
9. Pitt State	20	74.8	73.7	+1.1
10. Missouri Western	20	75.2	74.5	+0.7
11. Truman	20	63.0	68.8	-5.8

WOMEN'S SCORING MARGIN

# Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1. Emporia State	20	87.7	63.0	+24.6
2. Washburn	20	70.8	57.5	+13.2
3. Pittsburg State	20	77.1	65.5	+11.6
4. Missouri Southern	20	69.7	61.2	+8.5
5. Central Missouri	20	72.1	66.3	+5.7
6. Fort Hays State	19	69.1	63.7	+5.4
7. Nebraska-Omaha	18	70.1	66.1	+4.0
8. Southwest Baptist	19	72.8	76.4	-3.6
9. Northwest	20	66.0	71.3	-5.3
10. Truman	20	60.3	67.7	-7.3
11. Missouri Western	19	64.4	75.3	-10.9

MEN'S SCORING LEADERS

## Player-Team	Cl	Games	Pts Avg/G
1. Rogers, Matthew-SBU	JR	19	18.9
2. Eggins, DeAndre-WU	SR	18	17.5
3. Henry, Hunter-NWMSU	SR	20	17.1
4. Taylor, Carlos-PSU	SR	20	16.9
5. Jenkins, Michael-UNO	SR	19	16.5
Albers, Mitch-UNO	SO	19	16.5
7. Wilbern, Lamar-ESU	JR	20	15.6
8. Harris, D'Ante-SBU	SR	19	15.6
9. Thuston, Dominique-MWSU	SO	19	15.2
10. Evans, Tyrone-FHSU	SR	19	15.1

WOMEN'S SCORING LEADERS

## Player-Team	Cl	G	Pts Avg/G
1. Bright, Janice-WU	SR	20	18.6
2. McCombs, Nicole-PSU	JR	20	16.6
3. Mueller, Georgia-TSU	SR	19	16.2
4. Creed, Courtney-SBU	SR	19	16.0
5. Biel, Erica-FHSU	JR	19	15.3
6. Boston, Cassandra-ESU	JR	20	15.2
7. Bancroft, Naomi-FHSU	JR	19	15.2
8. Brue, Meghan-NWMSU	SR	20	14.9
9. Leiker, Andrea-ESU	SR	17	14.0
10. Edwards, Ida-ESU	SR	20	13.8

MEN'S REBOUNDING

## Player-Team	Cl	G	Avg/G
1. Henry, Hunter-NWMSU	SR	20	8.7
2. Rogers, Matthew-SBU	JR	19	8.2
3. Stukes, TJ-PSU	JR	20	7.8
4. Wilbern, Lamar-ESU	JR	20	7.6
5. Peintner, Tim-FHSU	JR	18	7.3
6. Ateba, Vincent-MSSU	SR	23	6.3
7. Kimble, Darnell-WU	SR	20	6.1
8. Evans, Ivan-PSU	JR	17	6.1
9. Petersen, Justin-UNO	SR	18	6.1
10. Herrman, Ryan-FHSU	JR	19	6.1

WOMEN'S REBOUNDING

## Player-Team	Cl	G	Avg/G
1. Biel, Erica-FHSU	JR	19	11.4
2. Edwards, Ida-ESU	SR	20	10.7
3. Brodsack, Amanda-UNO	SR	18	7.9
4. Brue, Meghan-NWMSU	SR	20	7.6
5. Mueller, Georgia-TSU	SR	19	7.3
6. Joya, Laura-TSU	JR	20	6.9
7. McCombs, Nicole-PSU	JR	20	6.8
8. Roberts, Rebecca-UCM	SO	20	6.5
9. Volkens, Alli-ESU	SO	20	6.3
10. Clark, Morgan-FHSU	JR	19	6.2

MEN'S TURNOVER MARGIN

## Player-Team	G	Margin
1. Central Missouri	20	+5.15
2. Missouri Southern	23	+4.65
3. Northwest	20	+4.20
4. Missouri Western	20	+2.95
5. Pittsburg State	20	+1.10

WOMEN'S TURNOVER MARGIN

## Player-Team	G	Margin
1. Pittsburg State	20	+3.75
2. Emporia State	20	+2.70
3. Southwest Baptist	19	+2.47
4. Fort Hays State	19	+2.00
8. Northwest	20	+0.25



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TRACK AND FIELD

Track athletes continue to break school records

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

This is the fourth straight week a Bearcat has broken a program record. Emily Churchman broke her own program record in the pentathlon this weekend at the Kip-Janvrin Multi-Events meet at Doane College. Assistant Coach Tessa Koschel thinks all the program records link back to the training the athletes have put in.

“A lot of it has to do with the training we’ve put in since day one,” Koschel said. “The intensity has been higher in the weight room and on the track. People’s attitudes have been a lot more determined and I think that’s showing now.”

Churchman won the pentathlon

with a record 3,372 points, besting her previous score by 120 points. She won the shot put with a throw of 33 feet three inches and finished second in the high jump and 800-meter run. In the 12 athlete field, she didn’t finish lower than fourth in any event.

By breaking her own record, she was named the MIAA Field Athlete of the Week. This is the first time a Bearcat female has earned indoor honors since February 16, 2006, when Alisha Samuel won the track honors.

“It’s exciting,” Churchman said. “I didn’t know it had been that long since we’d had somebody named for field. There’s been track, but it’s really exciting.”

The day before at the Scott Nisely Memorial Classic in Crete, Neb.,

Hannah Henry picked up an NCAA preliminary qualifying mark in the 55-meter hurdles. She won her preliminary heat in 8.54 seconds and finished second in the finals with a time of 8.37 seconds. Johanna Avilez and Churchman finished fourth and fifth in the finals.

This weekend, Northwest will send heptathletes Jacob Dupin and Zane Myers to compete in the Ben Hillenbrand Open in Vermillion, S.D.

This will be Dupin’s first time competing in the heptathlon and Myers’ second time taking place in the event. In his first attempt, Myers scored 4,200 points, falling just 300 points short of an NCAA qualifying mark.

The rest of the team heads to War-

rensburg to compete in the University of Central Missouri Mule relays.

“The tension always goes up when Central is around,” Koschel said. “I expect good things and a lot of fire to be lit under them.”

The women compete on Friday and the men take the track on Saturday after a weeklong break. Koschel said the men have been looking really good in practice this week and are working really hard.

“They’re excited for it (UCM Relays),” Koschel said, “It (the week off) has kind of made them a little bit more anxious again, but I think they’re ready.”

Competitions are scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. in the UCM multipurpose building.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Defense, avoiding second half breakdowns key to next game

By Christopher Woodland
Sports Editor

The men’s basketball team will rely on its defense this week, as it attempts to slow down three of the most prolific scorers in the MIAA.

Following a 72-68 loss at Fort Hays on Saturday, UNO’s dual attack of Michael Jenkins and Mitch Albers visited Bearcat Arena on Wednesday. The high-scoring guard Carlos Taylor leads Pitt State into Lamkin Activities Center on Saturday.

The Fort Hays loss was the second game in a row that the Bearcats let a halftime lead slip away.

“We played pretty well in the first half, and got to the free throw line a lot,” Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer said. “In the second half it seemed like the game was called a lot looser and we weren’t getting to the line quite as much.”

Northwest held a 34-29 advantage over Hays at half time, but was outscored 43-34 in the final 20 minutes.

Four players finished the game with four fouls, and junior forward Shawn Carter fouled out.

The ‘Cats’ two leading scorers for the season struggled with fouls for most of the game. Elijah Allen and Henry Hunter played just 27 and 29 minutes respectively and finished with four fouls each.

Allen managed to score 11 points in the second half despite the foul trouble and finished with a game-high 17 points. Henry struggled to find his shot for the

second straight game.

He finished with 13 points, and has totaled just 21 points over the last two games.

“I think everybody’s really trying to key on him, and Elijah’s had some pretty good scoring games so they’re complementing each other pretty well,” Tappmeyer said. “I think people are sending more guys in off the perimeter to try and clog things up too.”

Three-point shooting has particularly hurt the ‘Cats over the two-game skid. They followed a 23.8 percent three-point performance against Washburn by shooting 18.2 percent from beyond the arc against Fort Hays.

“Our percentage shooters are Hunter (Henry) and Elijah (Allen),” Tappmeyer said. “Those are the guys we need to get the ball too, and we have just got to hit a few perimeter shots to clear things up for them.”

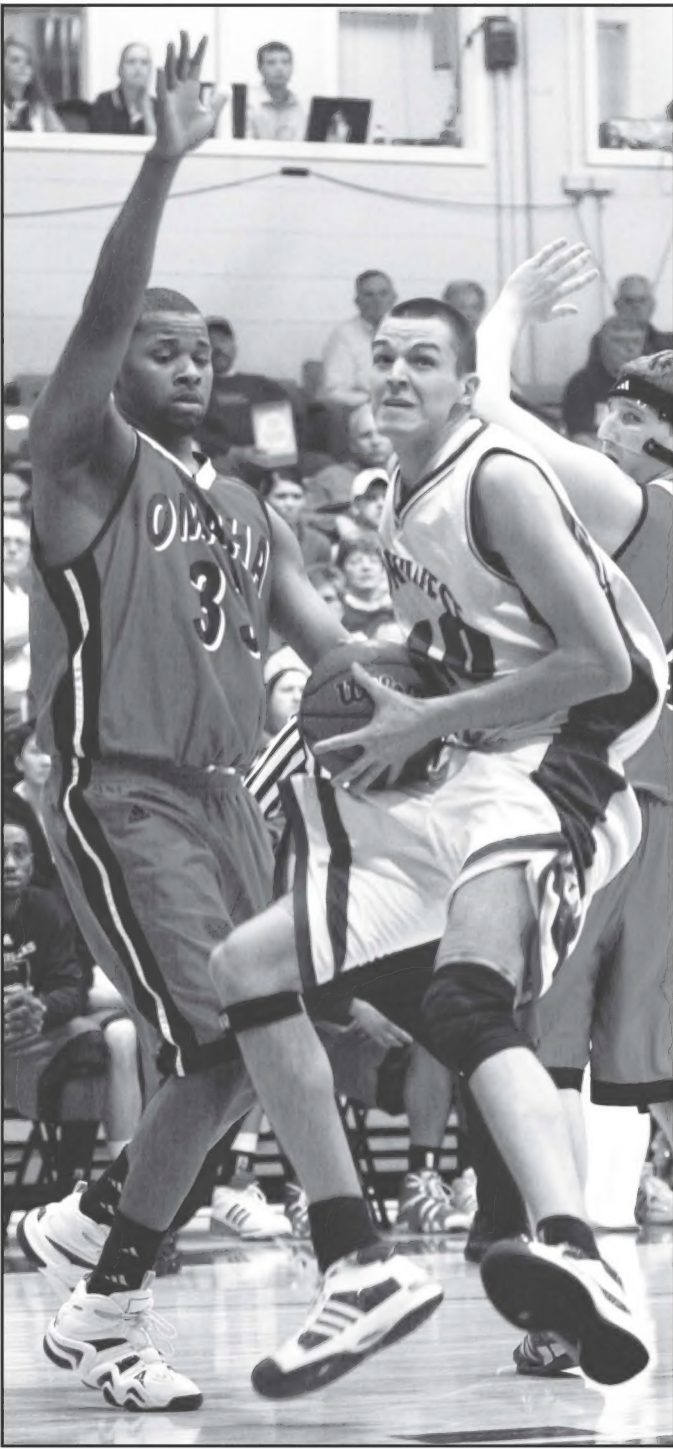
Pitt State’s senior guard Taylor currently averages 16.9 points per game, and scored 19 points in the last meeting between the teams. Pitt State edged Northwest in that game 63-61 despite Henry’s 26 point and 14 rebound performance for the ‘Cats.

Junior guard Mike Larsen feels the key to success this week will be an unselfish style of play.

“A couple games ago we were really unselfish, and a lot of people did a lot of different things,” Larsen said.

Northwest tips off against the Gorillas at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

MENS’ BASKETBALL LOST 82-80



FORWARD HUNTER HENRY collected another double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds, as Northwest fell to UNO 82-80. Edriss Floyd led the Bearcats with 16 points. Shawn Carter scored 15 and Mike Larsen added 10. The ‘Cats were unable to stop the Maverick’s Micheal Jenkins who had 30 points and led all players on the night.

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MEN’S STATISTICS		
Northwest		Fort Hays
68	Points	72
37.7	Field Goal pct.	37.0
35	Rebounds	44
7	Assists	12
18.2	Three point pct.	36.8
11	Turnovers	14
8	Steals	6
76.5	Free throw pct.	65.8
2	Blocks	4


MEN’S GAME LEADERS	
Points 1.) 17 - Elijah Allen 2.) 16 - Mike Larsen 3.) 13 - Hunter Henry	Rebounds 1.) 6 - Hunter Henry 2.) 5 - Elijah Allen and Jake Reinders
Assists 1.) 3 - Mike Larsen and Edriss Floyd 3.) 1 - Hunter Henry	Steals 1.) 2 - Mike Larse Edriss Floyd DaJuan Harris

FG percentage 1.) 100 - Mike Larsen and Jake Reinders 3.) 90- Elijah Allen	3-pt percentage 1.) 33.3 - Mike Larsen 2.) n/a
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SCORE BY HALF	
MEN (9-12)	35 45 — 80
WOMEN (7-14)	33 46 OT 10 13 — 102


WOMEN’S STATISTICS		
Northwest		UNO
102	Points	96
43.1	Field Goal pct.	41.7
37	Rebounds	52
21	Assists	18
45.7	Three point pct.	36.4
16	Turnovers	26
11	Steals	10
85.7	Free throw pct.	77.4
2	Blocks	4

WOMEN’S GAME LEADERS	
Points 1.) 32 - Jessica Burton 2.) 26 - Meghan Brue 3.) 12 - Micaela Uriell	Rebounds 1.) 8 - Jessica Burton 2.) 7 - Micaela Uriell 3.) 5 - Rickeya McElroy
Assists 1.) 6 - Jessica Burton and Shelly Martin 2.) 5 - Micaela Uriell	Steals 1.) 3 - Micaela Uriell 2.) 2 - Three NW players had two steals
FG percentage 1.) 60.0 - McElroy 2.) 50.0 - Three NW players shot 50 %	3-pt percentage 1.) 80.0 - Meghan Brue 2.) 50.0 - Jessica Burton and Tara Roach



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NW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

SENIOR GUARD
MEGHAN Brue rips
the ball away from
a UNO defender.
Brue played
through injuries
while going 8-17
for 26 points in the
‘Cats victory.



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‘Cats pull off first double OT win since 1993

By Christopher Woodland
Sports Editor

Injuries and foul-outs could not cool off the Northwest’s sharpshooters as they disposed of UNO 102-96 on Wednesday night.

Meghan Brue drove into the lane for a lay-up that pushed the Bearcat lead to 99-94 with just more than a minute remaining in the second overtime. Jessica Burton followed that up and capped her career-high scoring effort by sinking a pair of free throws.

The two teams combined for 28 threes during the game, one shy of the MIAA record.

Northwest shot 16-of-25 from beyond the arc, while UNO connected on 12-of-33.

Burton shot 4-of-8 from downtown, and 9-of-18 overall, on her way to a career-high 32-point performance.

Brue managed to score 26 points, despite a knee injury after landing awkwardly while challenging a UNO shot with 1:39 left in a 74-73 game and appeared to be finished when she remained on the court.

After receiving medical attention, Brue hopped up and hobbled back onto the court without missing a single second.

“I took a gamble and called a timeout, of course then she hits a big three there,” Steinmeyer said. “I just simply asked her ‘can you go’ and she said ‘sure.’ Because I expect so much out of Meghan, I think she just assumed that she was in.”

In the following 16 seconds UNO’s Cayla Hargrove stole the ball from Micaela Uriell, and gave the Mavericks a 77-73 lead after converting a three-point play.

Uriell rebounded by sinking a pair of treys in the final 57 seconds to tie the game at 79-79 and force overtime.

In the first overtime, Burton continued her hot streak by drain-

ing a three-pointer from four feet beyond the arc.

The game was tied after the first overtime at 89-89.

Steinmeyer said that he would gladly have played one more period if it was needed to end his team’s seven-game losing streak.

“(UNO’s) coach Shearer and I were talking this morning and she said ‘Boy, I need a win so bad I’ll take one by one point,’ and I said ‘Yea, I’ll take one in triple overtime,’” Steinmeyer said.

“It’s a monkey off our back, and it’s like the Fourth of July, and our birthdays and Christmas all rolled into one,” Burton said.

SIGNING DAY

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

‘Cats add 27 new names to roster on signing day

By Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma’s office is filled with autographed footballs from his two NCAA National Championships and his nine MIAA Championship football teams. His windowsill is aligned with four autographed photos of the four Bearcats drafted into the NFL under his reign.

All of those accomplishments have been past achievements for Tjeerdsma. It was the future Tjeerdsma was concerned with on Wednesday. It was Wednesday the 2009 recruiting class for the Bearcats signed its letters of intent.

“Every year it seems like we say ‘it’s one of our best classes,’” Tjeerdsma said. “I really feel strongly about this class though. We’ve got more top kids at each position than we ever had. Part of what leads me to believe that is most of these kids were being recruited by Division I-AA schools and very few of them were considering any other Division II schools other than us.”

This year’s recruiting classes features 27 athletes from six states. Those six states are Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois and Texas.

“Just from an economic stand-point and a budget stand-point we have to try to stay in what I call our four-state area; Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas,” Tjeerdsma said. “For the most part, these kids are still in that four-state area. It’s been good to us. We’ve gotten a lot of real good players and have a lot of success with our teams and it’s been mostly with kids from those four states.”

Recruiting offensive linemen was key to this Northwest staff that lost four offensive linemen to graduation from last year’s roster. Another goal of Tjeerdsma and his staff was to bring in two quality quarterbacks, which they feel they did in Tyler Seals, from Bellevue, Neb., and Trevor Adams, from Odessa, Texas.

Adams attended Permian High a name that might sound familiar to fans of the movie and TV show “Friday Night Lights”, led his team to a 12-1 record and an undefeated district championship. He completed 191-of-280 passes for 2,683 yards and 22 touchdowns. He also carried the ball 100 times for 528 yards and six scores. Adams set program records for single-season passing yards and single-season completions. He is the only player Permian school history to pass for 200 yards and rush for 100 in a single game. He has earned all-district honors and was first-team academic all-district and all-state, according to a Northwest Football release.

“I’m really excited,” Adams said. “When I got an opportunity like this, it was a dream come true to come to a school with such a winning tradition. My family and I prayed for a place for me to fit in with coaches of integrity and our prayers were answered.”

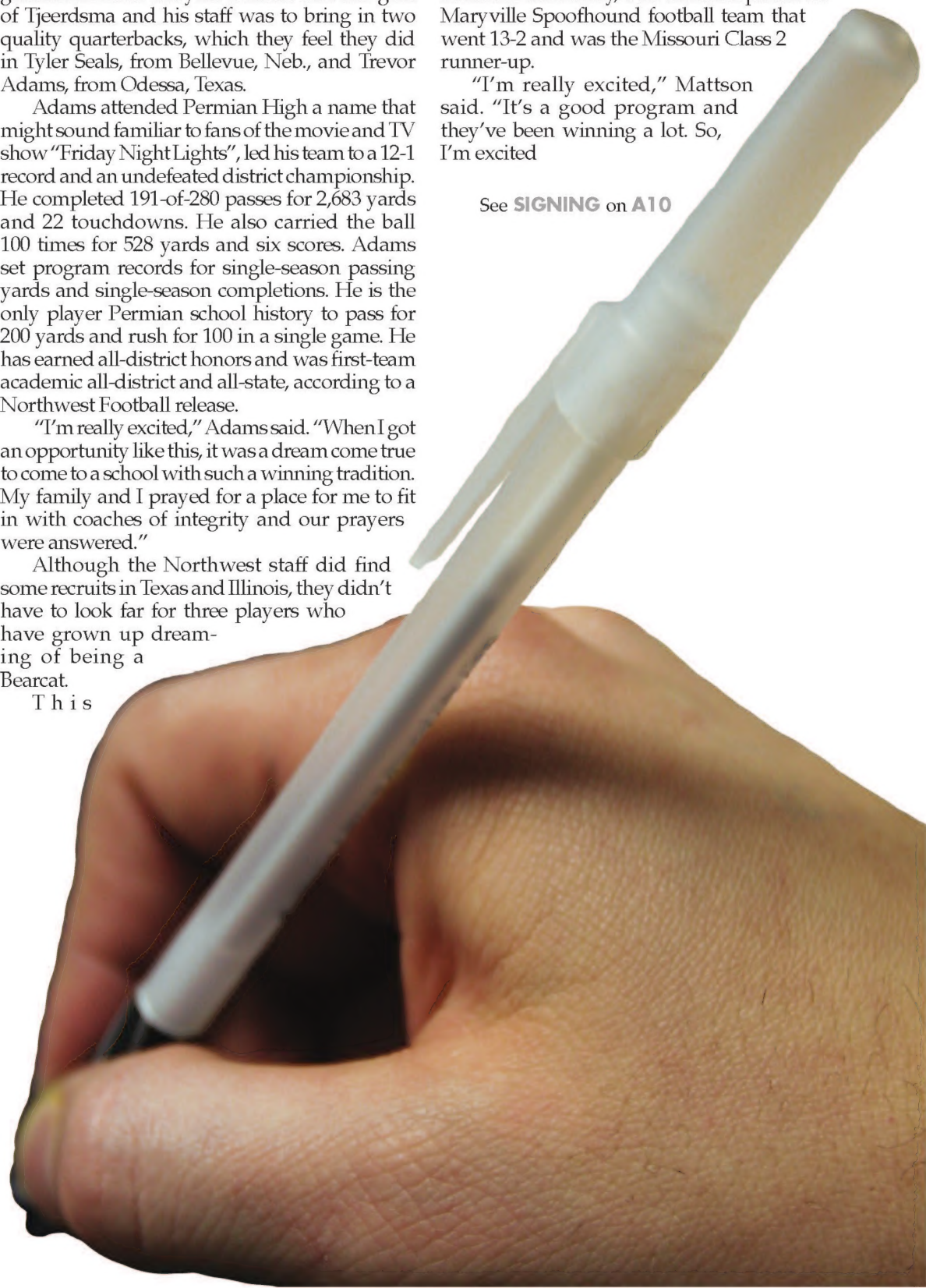
Although the Northwest staff did find some recruits in Texas and Illinois, they didn’t have to look far for three players who have grown up dreaming of being a Bearcat.

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recruiting class includes running back Adam Mattson, linebacker John Schreck and defensive lineman Zach Sherry, who were all a part of the Maryville Spoofhound football team that went 13-2 and was the Missouri Class 2 runner-up.

“I’m really excited,” Mattson said. “It’s a good program and they’ve been winning a lot. So, I’m excited

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Bearcat 2009 Recruitment Class

- Trevor Adams (Odessa, Texas) - QB, 6-1, 192 lbs.
- Kohlman Adema-Schulte (Omaha) - RB, 5-9, 185 lbs.
- Todd Adulf (Omaha, Neb.) - Kicker, 6-0, 160 lbs.
- Ricky Bailey (Wentzville, Mo.) - DE, 6-3, 230 lbs.
- Jake Baumgartner (Granger, Iowa) - DE, 6-3, 230 lbs.
- Cody Carlson (Eudora, Kan.) - OL, 6-2, 265 lbs.
- Danny Carlson (Troy, Ill.) - DL, 6-2, 250 lbs.
- Phillip Carter (Marine, Ill.) - OL, 6-4, 285 lbs.
- Cole Daffit (Prosper, Texas) - OL, 6-3 260 lbs.
- Justin Eiken (Jefferson City, Mo.) - WR, 6-0, 175 lbs.
- Joel Gantz (Perry, Kan.) - TE, 6-5, 225 lbs.
- Brian Geraghty (Lee’s Summit) - Kicker, 6-0, 190 lbs.
- D.J. Gnader (Council Bluffs, Iowa) - LB, 6-2, 224 lbs.
- Darius Hicks (Kansas City, Mo.) - DB, 5-10, 180 lbs.
- Jeff Howeth (Dallas, Texas) - S, 6-0, 200 lbs.
- Kasey Juhl (Lewis, Iowa) - OL, 6-6, 290 lbs.
- C.J. Keeney (Smithville, Mo.) - OL, 6-6, 275 lbs.
- Travis Manning (Bellefonte, Ill.) - CB, 6-0, 185 lbs.
- Cody Matthewson (Madrid, Iowa) - LB, 6-2, 210 lbs.
- Adam Mattson (Maryville, Mo.) - RB, 5-10, 180 lbs.
- John Schreck (Maryville, Mo.) - LB, 6-2, 180 lbs.
- Tyler Seals (Bellevue, Neb.) - QB, 6-2, 190 lbs.
- Zach Sherry (Conception, Mo.) - DL, 6-0, 210 lbs.
- Matt Sterup (Hastings, Neb.) - OL, 6-6, 270 lbs.
- Clint Utter (Bloomfield, Iowa) - WR, 6-4, 190 lbs.
- Quincy Williams (Lees Summit, Mo.) - RB, 5-10, 180 lbs.
- Zach Williams (Kansas City, Mo.) - DE, 6-2, 225 lbs.

MHS BOYS’ BASKETBALL

‘Hounds outlast Bishop LeBlond for first MEC win

By Dustin Sander
Community Sports Editor

The Maryville boy’s basketball team captured its first Midland Empire Conference win in St. Joseph Tuesday night against Bishop LeBlond.

The Spoofhounds beat LeBlond 49-48 in a game that went right down to the wire.

The ‘Hounds played a very balanced game on both offense and defense, coach Mike Kutwitsky said. The best part of the game was the patience on

offense and the aggressiveness on defense.

“We had the lead pretty much the entire game,” senior guard Adam Mattson said. “We were really patient on offense and played good defense. Down at the end it was close and Seth (Staashelm) had a big steal at the end and it sealed the game.”

Senior forward Seth Staashelm’s steal allowed the ‘Hounds to run out the clock and lock up the game. The win improves Maryville’s record to 10-5. The victory was also the

‘Hounds’ first win in the MEC, they are now 1-2 in the conference.

“At the end we were ahead and they came back into it and we were only up by one with five seconds left,” Staashelm said. “They inbounded the ball to their big guy and then he showed ball, so I stole it real quick and then just dribbled and ran the time out.”

After dropping two straight games, the ‘Hounds righted their ship last week against East Buchanan, 54-51, in another

thrilling game, Kuwitsky said. Maryville pulled out a slim win when East Buchanan shot a three pointer which clanked off the rim; the ‘Hounds then secured the rebound and ran out the clock to secure the victory.

The ‘Hounds’ next conference match-up will be against Smithville for their homecoming game Friday night. Smithville is one of the better teams in the tough conference, Kuwitsky said.

“We’re going to have to play great defense and be patient

on offense, get good shots and open looks and make our shots,” Mattson said.

The ‘Hounds’ largest challenge on homecoming will be in the paint attempting to contain Smithville’s 6’6” center, Kuwitsky said.

“They have a really good big guy,” Staashelm said. “We don’t have that much size but we’ll box out and get rebounds and play good D.”

The ‘Hounds homecoming game is at 7 p.m. Friday night at home against Smithville.

MIAA NEWCOMERS

New MIAA team evens out conference matchups

By Ian Meyers
Missourian Reporter

The MIAA ushered in a new member on Monday, February 2 by welcoming fellow NCAA Division-II school Lincoln University to the conference as its newest addition.

Lincoln, based out of Jefferson City, Mo., was one of several schools to show interest in joining the conference at this end of this athletic season due in large part to the MIAA’s goal of expanding the conference and solidifying itself as one of the more competitive conferences in D-II athletics.

One of the key deciding factors in the Lincoln decision was the fact that the Blue Tigers offer football as a sport.

Since Southwest Baptist University is no longer a member of the MIAA in football, the conference itself was left with an uneven number of teams in the sport, forcing schools like Northwest to schedule more non-conference matchups than they would like, which generally meant more travel for the teams as well.

“I think it will help scheduling-wise,” Northwest assistant head football coach Will Wagner said. “It just gives us one more team to play.”

Facing budget cuts for the upcoming season, the decision to bring in Lincoln makes it easier for teams to travel without having to stress as much about the expense of the road trip. The majority of all MIAA schools are located in a centralized area and the cost factor of a road game this upcoming season should be significantly less now with one more team in conference play than if the schools in the conference were forced to play a non-conference match out of state. Northwest coaches, however, reiterated that the budget cuts were not among the deciding factors in the MIAA’s choice of Lincoln.

The Blue Tigers themselves have their work cut out for them in the conference shift. In the 2008 football season, Lincoln finished at 1-8 (1- 4 in conference) while playing in the Great Lakes Football Conference. The Blue Tigers’ men’s and women’s basketball teams have compiled a less than stellar 6-28 record to this point in the season, going only 1-13 in conference play with around a month left to play.

The bright spot for Lincoln athletics, however, has been their track and field team, which has consistently competed dominantly against D-II opponents.

As for how much trouble Northwest can expect from the new Missouri team in athletics, it is still up in the air at this point.

“I think it’s going to take them a couple of years,” Wagner said. “Anytime you’re new to the conference, it’s going to take a couple of years to adjust to the competition.”